

TAKE NOTICE.

That election is near. How are you going to vote on the amendment to the Constitution.

IDEAS.

The mind is a storehouse, but it need not be a junk shop.  
There is often more Christianity in silence than in a sermon.  
A lot of energy is expended in trying to find out things we are afterwards sorry that we know.  
The man who can cheerfully see another succeed where he has failed is ripe for glory.  
Many a man lets his chance of success go by while dreaming of great things instead of doing the little ones at hand.

IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Governor Beckham has declined T. W. Lawson's invitation to act on a committee to investigate insurance on the ground that precipitate action, while the present investigation is on, will impair rather than increase the advantage to be gained by stockholders.

The Taggart divorce proceedings have brought out several things beside the frailty of Mrs. Taggart and the drunkenness of her husband. They seem to have established the fact that the old phrase, "an officer and a gentleman," no longer applies to many who hold commissions in our army. An investigation into the wherefore of this might well attract the attention of the Commander in Chief.

The Rhode Island Democratic State Convention has declared for reform of the present tariff conditions, and pledges support to any measures President Roosevelt may recommend "for an honest reduction of the tariff, with the sincere hope that he will take council of the people and not of official advisers, who, under the guise of United States senators, represent the selfish greed of the few, and counsel delay."

Governor Folk and Insurance Superintendent Vandiver have received the formal protest of the New York Life Insurance Company against the proposed ouster of the company from Missouri unless it replaces the contributions made to the Republican campaign fund.

The Government Agricultural Department reports that the corn crop for this year will be 2,640,000,000 bushels, more than the crop of 1902, hitherto the bumper crop, by 117,000,000 bushels. Notwithstanding this large crop, the price stands firm.

President McCurdy of the New York Mutual Life declares that "Life insurance is a philanthropy; a movement for the benefit of humanity," and says that its purpose "should not be to earn money for those who pay premiums." Perhaps his attitude toward a surplus in the treasury of the company has its rise in his effort to prevent such a catastrophe.

FROM THE WIDE WORLD

The union between Sweden and Norway was officially declared dissolved by the action of both houses of the Riksdag on Monday. If the act dissolving the Union is understood, it leaves a door open for the return of Norway when its peoples shall become wiser. The throne having been refused for one of his sons by the aged King of Sweden, the crown will now, it is said, be offered to a Danish Prince. Those who wish for a republic are strenuously opposing such action.

There is trouble as usual in Austria-Hungary. The Hungarians wish to separate from Austria, and both Czechs and Germans at Prague united last week in a demonstration in favor of universal suffrage.

Political unrest in Cuba continues. Rioting at the election on December 1, is feared, and troops are being hurried into the disaffected districts. It is a serious question whether the Cubans, as a people, are ready for self government. They seem to need a Dictator such as Mexico has in the guise of a President.

There is trouble in store for Venezuela. Three war ships are now on their way thither and will rendezvous at Fort de France, Martinique. Unless President Castro shows a disposition to explain his action in regard to the French Cable Company and make amends for it, the coast of Venezuela will be blockaded.

Andrew Carnegie in his address at St. Andrew's University opening inaugurated this second time as Lord Rector, discussed hopefully the outlook for universal peace, and declared that five nations, or even three, banded together in a league of peace could banish all war.

HEARING RESUMED

The Testimony in the Insurance Investigation Was Exciting Throughout the Day.

PRESIDENT M'CURDY WAS JEERED

Only Repeated Threats To Clear the Room Prevented Violent Demonstrations of Disapprobation.

The Mutual Life Employed a Literary Bureau To Send Out To the Press of the Country Insurance News Matter.

New York, Oct. 18.—Testimony in the insurance investigation, which was resumed Tuesday after a week's adjournment of the legislative committee, was most exciting throughout the entire day and only the repeated threats of Senator Armstrong, chairman of the committee, to clear the room prevented violent demonstrations of disapprobation of the witness, who was Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. As it was, however, there were jeers at several periods of the day's testimony that temporarily interrupted the testimony. These came when Mr. Hughes, the counsel for the committee, asked questions that Mr. McCurdy was reluctant to answer, or evaded and were made by the crowd that stood at the back of the room which long ago proved inadequate to accommodate the counsel and witnesses summoned, and the crowd of spectators that increases with every hearing.

In Mr. McCurdy's testimony Tuesday a feature entirely new was disclosed, and this was that the Mutual Life Insurance Co. employed a literary bureau to send out to the press of the country news matter that was of benefit to the company. This information was elicited during the probing of the "legal expenses" account. It came out when a voucher for the payment of \$2,500 to Joseph Howard, Jr., in 1904, was produced. Another voucher for the same amount paid in May, 1905, was marked "repayable on demand" and for "professional services."

Reduced Dividends on Policies.

During the earlier session of the day an attempt was made to obtain from Mr. McCurdy the reason for reducing the dividends on policies as the business increased and the assets piled up. This question was prompted by the large number of letters received from policy holders by the committee and cited facts and examples. These letters came from all over the country, Mr. Hughes explained, but he read a number from policy holders who lived in this city. The examples cited were principally on the ten-payment life plan. One in particular for \$3,000 that in 1876 drew a dividend of \$55.75 had been gradually cut until in 1904 it received only \$3. The writer inclosed tables and statements from the company's reports and said that this was in the face of the reserve increasing year after year.

To all the questions on this matter the witness said that he was not fortified with the information required; that these were actuarial matters; and when pressed for his opinion replied that he refused to discuss the question or to enter any discussion. He would proffer a witness, his actuary, whose business it was to know these things, but as for himself he "would not discuss the question."

Mr. McCurdy's demeanor was so insistent, and at times defiant, that the spectators bent forward to catch every word and stood on tiptoe, expecting every moment to hear him directed by counsel to answer the question. His proffer of another witness was all that prevented steps being taken toward his indictment.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

A Rule Issued Against Officials of the Western Life Co.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Federal Judge C. C. Kohlstaad issued a rule against G. M. Moulton, E. I. Rosenfeld and E. D. Moore, members of the executive committee of the Western Life Indemnity Co., to show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of court. Attorney S. O. Levinson, counsel for various policy holders, declared that the three officials had purchased 8,000 shares of the Security Life and Annuity Co. for \$200,000 September 20, after the court had issued a verbal injunction against any such transaction. Attorney Levinson characterized the proceedings as a direct violation of the injunction. The court held that sufficient showing had been made for the rule to issue.

Amount of Bonds Refunded.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The amount of bonds received at the treasury for refund into two per cent. consols for the first 15 days under the secretary's offer of September 18, is \$22,693,600, of which \$18,486,300 were fours and \$4,207,300 threes.

To Regulate Casualty Insurance.

New York, Oct. 18.—The necessity for legislation regulating casualty insurance as well as life insurance companies was laid before the annual convention of the board of casualty and surety underwriters in this city.

NOW UNDER CONTROL.

Yellow Fever Situation at New Orleans Improved.

New Orleans, Oct. 17.—Report to 6 p. m. Monday: New cases, 15; total to date, 3,329; deaths, 3; total to date, 434; new foci, 4; cases under treatment, 139; cases discharged, 2,756.

Believing that yellow fever in New Orleans is now absolutely under control, Dr. White, representing the marine hospital service, considers that hereafter the inclusion of cases other than yellow fever in the official record ought to be avoided. At the same time he believes that not a single actual case of the disease should be suppressed. Accordingly, Dr. White has written a letter to President LeRouf, of the New Orleans Medical Society, requesting that all physicians having any doubts about the diagnosis of a case of fever be requested to call upon some member of the board of experts, the diagnosis of which board or any member thereof will be unqualifiedly accepted by the marine hospital service.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

The Remains of Sir Henry Irving Will Be Interred There.

London, Oct. 17.—The dean of Westminster, Very Rev. Joseph Arlidge Robinson, announced that, having received a request signed by leading members of the dramatic profession and other persons of distinction he had consented to the interment of the body of Sir Henry Irving in Westminster Abbey. Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who for many years had been a friend of Sir Henry, besides signing the request to the dean, has offered to place her house in Stratton St. Piccadilly at the disposal of the Irving family on the day of the funeral, owing to the inconvenience of starting the funeral procession from the apartments which had been occupied by Sir Henry.

TAGGART DIVORCE CASE.

Attorney For Mrs. Taggart Filed a Petition For a New Trial.

Wooster, O., Oct. 17.—Attorneys for Maj. Taggart were given a surprise Monday evening when they learned that Judge Smyser, attorney for Mrs. Grace Taggart, had filed a petition for a new trial. It was supposed that Judge Smyser had only given the notice to preserve her rights. The motion moves that judge and decree be set aside for the following reasons: That during the trial of the case the court erred in admission of evidence in favor of plaintiff and against defendant; that court erred in the rejection of evidence offered by defendant; because of irregularities of the prevailing party by which the defendant was precluded from having a fair trial impartial hearing.

GROUP OF SOLAR SPOTS.

Located in South Latitude and Can Be Seen by the Naked Eye.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The officials at the naval observatory announce that a large group of solar spots was observed with the photeliograph at that institution. The group has advanced about two days upon the disc of the sun, visible in this vicinity and is located in south latitude. The group can be seen by the naked eye, but with a telescope it is resolved into a mass of small spots, closely grouped together. This is the largest sun spot visible since last spring.

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS.

Demurrer of the Western Life Indemnity Co. Sustained.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Federal Judge C. C. Kohlstaad sustained a demurrer of the Western Life Indemnity Co. in the injunction proceedings brought by policy holders. Attorneys representing the policy holders filed an amended bill immediately. Arguments on this will be heard next Monday. The decision was a victory for the life insurance company. The company demurred to the bill for injunction filed by policy holders to prevent the transfer of the company's business to another concern.

Hearst Declines the Challenge.

New York, Oct. 17.—William R. Hearst, the Municipal Ownership League candidate for mayor, declined to accept a challenge of William M. Ivins, republican nominee, to appear in a joint debate on the campaign issues.

Largest Ore Dock in the World.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 17.—The Duluth, Mesaba & Northern railroad, one of the big ore roads of steel corporation, is to build in Duluth what will be the largest ore dock in the world. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

Death of William N. Armstrong.

Washington, Oct. 17.—William N. Armstrong, attorney general of the Sandwich Islands under the reign of King Kalakua during the administration of President Grant, died Monday morning at Garfield hospital, this city.

Ex-Bank President Sentenced.

Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 17.—Frank S. Komp, of Chicago, the former president of the Kenosha State bank, was sentenced in the circuit court to two years at hard labor in the state prison at Waupun for forgery.

AN ARMY SCANDAL

Post Quartermaster Sergeant Alexander at Governors Island Placed Under Arrest.

HELD PENDING INVESTIGATION.

Discrepancies Estimated at From \$500 to \$1,000 in the Selling of Coal Discovered.

Butter Supplied To the League Island Navy Yard at Philadelphia Proved To Be Colored With Coal Tar Dye.

New York, Oct. 17.—As the result of a scandal in the quartermaster's department at Governor's Island, Post Quartermaster Sergt. Arthur R. Alexander, a veteran in the Cuban and Philippine campaigns, is under arrest pending the completion of an investigation which has been proceeding since September 17. The scandal involves discrepancies estimated at from \$500 to \$1,000 in the selling of coal through the quartermaster's department to civilian residents on Governor's Island.

Alexander, who belonged to the 13th Infantry, has a letter signed by President McKinley commending him for distinguished services at the battle of Santiago, and another signed by Gen. Bell commending him for having killed the famous Filipino outlaw Augustin Alejo.

Washington, Oct. 17.—That samples of butter submitted as portions of a large quantity supplied to the League Island navy yard at Philadelphia proved to be colored with coal tar dye is the substance of a report which Chief Chemist Wiley, of the department of agriculture, will submit to Secretary Wilson.

Specimens Analyzed.

Specimens were recently taken for analysis from the League Island yards hospitals, kitchens and barracks, from the United States receiving ship Lancaster and other navy craft by representatives of the Pennsylvania dairy and food commission who are said to have obtained similar samples from the men who sold the product. Secretary Wilson will refer the report to President Roosevelt, who will in all probability call the attention of the department of justice to the matter.

The samples already had been submitted to the state dairy and food commissioner of Pennsylvania, whose findings, which caused a widespread controversy, corroborated by Dr. Wiley, Dr. Wiley declined to discuss his report pending its submission to the secretary. He said that coal tar dye dyes, though unwholesome, are not particularly harmful.

"Dairymen," he said, "are permitted under the law to use such coloring matter to impart to their butter a rich yellow color. To render this unnecessary the department of agriculture is now trying to educate the popular taste in favor of uncolored butter, and we are making some headway. Dairymen are beginning to realize that the bottle of coal tar dye is no longer a necessary adjunct to a successful dairy. The amount of oleomargarine sold in this country whether fraudulently as butter or marked as oleo, is, after all, very small. The government has rendered the making and sale of the stuff unprofitable by levying ten cents a pound on all that is artificially colored, and half a cent if uncolored."

THE HANCOCK CASE.

Lively Tilt Between States Attorney and Defendant's Counsel.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The decision of Coroner Carr, of Hyattsville, Md., to conduct behind closed doors the investigation into the death of Emma Smallwood for which Winfield Scott Hancock, a nephew of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, was arrested on a charge of murder, a lively tilt between States Attorney Magruder and Robert T. Wells, defendant's counsel, and a fistie encounter between Attorney Wells and a spectator in which his father, Mayor Charles A. Wells, participated, added interest to the case. The ordering of secret sessions by the coroner gave rise to the rumors that sensational evidence would be adduced at the hearing. This decision was the outcome of a contention by the state's attorney that newspaper men and the public generally should be excluded from hearing any of the testimony. Attorney Wells bitterly opposed the proposition and declared that unless the investigation was an open one he would apply for a writ of habeas corpus and bring his client before the court for a preliminary hearing.

Consul General John K. Gowdy.

Washington, Oct. 17.—John K. Gowdy, who returned as consul general to Paris several weeks ago, arrived here and after paying his respects to the president will proceed with his family to their old home in Rushville, Ind.

Adm. Togo Will Visit Italy.

London, Oct. 17.—The Rome correspondent of the Morning Post says that it is the intention of Vice Adm. Togo and the Japanese fleet to visit Italy and that the admiral will be received by King Victor Emmanuel.

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